

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendments the status of the related applications referred to in the specification has been updated. Claims 1-48 are in the application.


It was stated in the outstanding Office Action that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species A through I as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Applicant was required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In addition to an election of one of the aforementioned species to be examined, Applicant was required to identify the claims corresponding to the elected species.

Responsive to the requirement for election of species, Applicants elect for further prosecution on the merits in the application species D embodied in Figure 32. Claims 1-11, 13-23, 25-29, 31-34, 36-40, 42-45, 47 and 48 are readable on the elected species.

An early action on the merits is requested.

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